

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
VENEREAL DISEASE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1977

The Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1977 amends the A.C.T. Venereal Diseases Ordinance 1956 by altering the definition of venereal disease to incorporate the latest National Health and Medical Research Council's recommendations on the definition of venereal disease.

In addition the Ordinance requires pathologists, or where a pathologist is employed by a diagnostic laboratory or hospital, the laboratory or hospital, to notify the Medical Officer of Health in writing of all pathological examinations for venereal disease which give a positive result.

Payment of a \$1 fee in respect of each notification is provided in order to reimburse expenses incurred in reporting cases.